

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. **020431.0691**

In re Application of:

**MUKESH DALEL, ET AL.**

Serial No. **09/548,466**

Filed: **13 APRIL 2000**

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTI-  
ENTERPRISE OPTIMIZATION USING  
FLEXIBLE TRADE CONTACTS**

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Examiner:

**KIRSTEN S. APPLE**

Art Unit: **3628**

Confirmation No.: **7441**

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 26 February 2007, which provides for a one-month response period ending 26 March 2007. Please consider the following election and remarks.

### **ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE:**

The Restriction Requirement alleges that the subject Application alleges a restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 15-28 are, drawn to a process of supply chain activity optimization;
- II. Claims 29-44 and 45-62 are, drawn to an apparatus that optimizes supply chain activity optimization;
- III. Claims 63-67 and 68-02 are, drawn to software that optimizes supply chain activity optimization; and
- IV. Claims 94-95 are, drawn to system that optimize supply chain activity optimization.

The Applicants elect, with traverse, to pursue Group I. Group I is directed to a process of supply chain activity optimization. The Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing election is not acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of the alleged “unrelated inventions” in the subject Application. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth below, as the Requirement is improper.

The Applicants elect, with traverse to pursue Claims 1-14 and 15-28 (which are directed to a single species). The Applicants reiterate that the foregoing election is not an acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of an alleged “species” in the subject Application. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth below, as the Requirement is improper.